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T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 372

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.  
MR. CHARLES ALEXANDER  
TOMES is authorized to sign our  
Name by Procuration, in Hongkong, from  
this date.

RUSSELL & CO.  
Hongkong, March 24, 1884. 528

NOTICE.

MR. FRANCISCO MAMEDE GON-  
ZALVES and Mr. AUGUSTO JOSE  
ROZARIO have this day been admitted  
PARTNERS in our firm.

ROZARIO & CO.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1884. 383

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS  
are requested to send in a Statement  
of BUSINESS contributed during the Half-  
Year ended December 31st, 1883, or  
before March 31st next, on which date the  
Accounts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 371

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO  
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

M. R. THOMAS ARNOLD will act as  
SECRETARY of the above Company  
until further Notice.

E. R. BELLIOS,  
Chairman.

Hongkong, February 26, 1884. 346

HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS,  
WYNDHAM STREET, HONGKONG.

THE Undersigned beg to notify the  
Public of Hongkong, and the Coast  
Ports that he will REOPEN.

THE HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS  
on the 1st March.

The whole of the ROOMS have been  
NEWLY FURNISHED throughout, and there  
are ROOMS suitable for other MARRIED  
COPLES, SINGLE PERSONS.

The TABLE will be supplied with the  
BEST of the market can provide.

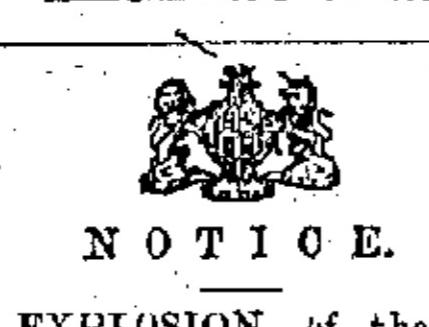
TEA, TINPS, and LIQUORS supplied,  
both at the best prices, will be of the  
VERY BEST BRANDS.

Guarantee desirous of taking Meals,  
such as TIFFINS and DINNERS, can  
have ALL REQUISITE information by  
applying to

GEORGE STAINFIELD,  
Proprietor.

Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 368

## Intimations.



### NOTICE.

THE EXPLOSION of the POLICE  
HULK, notified to take place To-day,  
is POSTPONED till the 20th Instant, at  
11.30 a.m.

H. G. THOMSETT,  
Harbour Master, &c.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT,  
Hongkong, March 26, 1884. 546

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thir-  
teenth Ordinary MEETING of the  
SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company  
will be held at the Head Office, Victoria,  
Hongkong, on SATURDAY the 29th  
March, 1884, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Directors, together with a Statement of  
Accounts to 31st December, 1883.

The Transfer BOOKS will be CLOSED  
from the 22nd to 29th Instant, both days  
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 13, 1884. 401

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

FROM THIS Date and till further Notice,  
THROUGH FIRST-CLASS TICKETS  
from HONGKONG LONDON, via MARSEILLES,  
including CONTINENTAL RAILWAY FARMS,  
the RAILWAY TICKETS will be obtainable  
from the Company's OFFICE, at  
MARSEILLES.

J. MARTIN,  
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, March 27, 1884. 551

HONGKONG HOTEL.

In future A LAUNCH will meet all the  
Northern, inward, and out-going Mail  
Steamers, (and others when required) to  
convey PASSENGERS and their BAGGAGE  
to and from the Pedder's Wharf.

For the convenience of GUESTS, the  
Hotel Servant will check their Baggage, for  
which a charge will be made.

The LAUNCH will leave the Pedder's  
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**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.**  
No. 63, Queen's Road East,  
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISARIATE),  
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**CALIFORNIA  
CRACKER  
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Soda BISCUITS.  
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**Small HOMINY.**  
Cracked WHEAT.  
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400 lb. Capacity.  
600 lb. "  
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CHATEAU MARGAUX.  
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1883 GRAVES, "

BREAKFAST CLARET," "

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**BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.**

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BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and

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DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the

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SPECIALTY SELECTED  
C I G A R S.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in  
5 oz. boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents per lb.

Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1043

## INSURANCES.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company are  
prepared to grant Policies on MARINE  
RISKS to all parts of the World, at current  
rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 555

NORTH BRITISH MERCANTILE

INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned, Agents of the above  
Company, are authorized to insure  
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1884. 14

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL.—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

The Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies including the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Goods on board Vessels and on Ships of  
Various descriptions.

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quested and communicated to the Directors  
for their direction.

Proposed provision will be granted on  
the above rates up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1884. 100

THE LONDON ASSURANCE  
COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF  
His Majesty King George the Third,  
A. D. 1720.

The Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Morue Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872. 496

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

The Undersigned are prepared to accept  
Risks on Fire, Glass, Diamonds, &c.

NORTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 18, 1881. 98

THE CHINESE MAIL.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE  
COMPANY.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

CONTINUATION FROM 72 TO 84 COLUMNS OF CLOSELY  
PRINTED MATTER.

This Mail Summary is compiled from  
the Daily China Mail, is published  
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of each fortnight's current history  
of events in China and Japan, collated  
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Potter, 1881.

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JARVIS.—T. HOWARD & CO.

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MÜLLER.—Wieder & Co.

NARLINSK, American barque, Capt. A. B.  
Weeks.—Russell & Co.

RATHAL, American ship, Captain J. W.  
Shewell.—Douglas Lapworth & Co.

TEUAN, British barque, Capt. S. Hyne  
Frolich, for Hobart.

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THE CHINESE MAIL.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

MAR. 23, 1881.

Stocks. Nos. of Shares. Paid up. Reserve Account. Last Dividends. Quotations. Cash.

BANKS.—

H.K. & Sh'fai. 125,000 \$ 125,000 124% = \$280

BANKS.—

Bank of China. 5,000 £ 200 £ 50 £ 270 p. sh.

Yangtze. 8,000 £ 2,000 £ 50,000 18% = 141

Union Inv. Soc. 2,000 \$ 1,250,000 12% = 18,200 55%

China "Traders".

Insurance. 24,000 \$ 85,325 28 \$ 100,000 10% = 874

Crown Inv. Office. 10,000 \$ 250 \$ 50 £ 200 £ 100 £

Chinese Inv. Co. 1,500 \$ 1,000 \$ 200 \$ 100,378

H.K. Fire Inv. \$ 8,000 \$ 250 \$ 50 \$ 850,000 28% = 321,000 \$ 220 £ 340

China Fire Inv. 30,000 \$ 100 \$ 200 \$ 16,000 20% = 6,000 \$ 266

SHIPPING.—

CHINESE MAIL.

Time contractors have now commenced operations on the New Central School buildings which are to be constructed on the vacant ground situated at the junction of Hollywood Road and Aberdeen Street.

The Annual Ball of the Sergeants of the Buffs will take place on the 4th April. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Bowen have accepted invitations to be present.

The Parade Ground in front of the buildings within the compound of the Central Police Station has been much improved by a smooth and firm pavement of Portland cement and concrete having been laid down in place of the loose shingle which formerly covered the ground. The members of the force will no doubt thoroughly appreciate the change when at drill.

At the Regular Convocation of the Cathay Chapter No. 1165, the following officers were installed and invested for the ensuing year:

M. E. Z. Comp. ... J. A. Measly.  
H. ... W. Korfus Hughes.  
J. ... E. George.  
Sergeant Major ... A. O'D. Gourdin.  
P.S. ... R. K. Leigh.  
1st Asst. S. ... T. I. Rose.  
2nd Asst. S. ... R. A. Gubay.  
Treasurer ... H. N. Mody.  
Janitor ... J. R. Grinbie.

It is proposed, we understand, when everything is ready to proceed with the construction of the New Central Market, to have the fish market located, temporarily, of course, in one place, the vegetable market in another, and the meat market in another, there being no vacant ground available on which to locate the whole of the stalls accommodated in the present Central Market. This arrangement will last only some eight months. It is not intended to commence operations until all the material has arrived from England. The structure is to be entirely composed of iron and glass.

It is hardly necessary for us to say that we heard yesterday of the report circulating among the native community of great Chinese victories in Tonquin. This report is said to have been brought from Hoilong by a patty officer, who carries a dispatch to Canton. He states that Sontai was captured by the Chinese troops on the 12th March, and Bacninh on the 15th. We thought this report was too ridiculous to warrant our referring to it in any way, but as our contemporary produces it, perhaps it is as well to point out its utter absurdity. Bacninh was, according to this man's report, taken on the 15th March. There is no doubt about the date, because all the native papers agree about it. Now it happens that our Special Correspondent was in Bacninh on the very day on which it is reported to have been taken. There were then at least 6,000 French troops in the place, while there were no Chinese troops within 25 miles, and they were getting further away as fast as they could. The fortified hills outside Bacninh were also held by French troops, and the Chinese were about as likely to retake the place as they are to capture Hongkong. The telegrams which have been forwarded from the front since the 15th also show groundless is the report. One dated the 18th, for instance reads:

"London, March 18th.—The French have overtaken and utterly routed the Chinese regular troops, and have captured all their arms, ammunition, and standards."

If these silly reports have been put in circulation by a Chinese official, it is possible it may have been done with a purpose. We have a strong suspicion the Chinese officials spread some false news about the suppression of the rebellion at Wai-chau and contrived to get it into the papers here.

A very fair "house" assembled at the Temperance Hall last evening to listen to the sacred concert given for the benefit of the Institution.

The Right Rev. Bishop Burdon, with a few appropriate words, opened the proceedings and then left the platform free for the musicians. The first piece on the programme was a selection for the piano-forte, Mozart's magnificent *Gloria in Exsultate*, which was performed by two well known resident amateurs, father and son. The execution was good, but real justice could scarcely be done to this work of the old master on the instrument belonging to the Hall. The members of the Cathedral Choir next sang Stainer's *Antiphon*. Ye shall dwell in the Land. The solo and choruses were very well rendered, but, owing probably to want of space and the acoustic properties of the building, it did not sound anything like so well as when performed in St. John's Cathedral. The trebles also wanted more strength, the bass and tenor being rather too strong. A baritone song, *The Children's Home*, followed, by a clerical amateur. A very sweet melody by Dame, *No Night There*, was admirably sung by a lady amateur, who, though evidently rather nervous at the commencement, obtained confidence after the first verse and well deserved applause which followed her performance. The next item on the programme, *Oh Rest in the Lord*, from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, was sung by the leading boy in the Choir and brought forth a well deserved *mezzo* which was responded to by the youthful singer, the treble solo from the anthem *Thou art fairer than the children of men* being the piece chosen. A somewhat melancholy part song called *La Curita* by Rossini, sung by

five lady amateurs, completed the first part of the programme.

Part II, commenced with a piano selection from Beethoven which, though well rendered, would have sounded mud-bitter from a harmonium or an organette. Gounod's very beautiful song *Nazareth*, set as a duet for soprano and contralto, was sung with much expression by two ladies well known in the society of the Colony, but strangers to the amateur stage.

The anthem *I will lift up mine eyes*, by the Choir, brought to the front a new base soloist who should prove an acquisition to the Choir and altogether went off even better than the former anthem.

The next item, a contralto song entitled *The Better Land*, was then sung by a lady amateur, and was followed by a recitative and air from *Elizir* from one of the leading tenors of the Choir, which were vociferously cheered. A tenor solo from the anthem *I will lay me down in peace* was given in response to the encore. The part song *Protect us through the coming night*, by Cursachini, was sung by the five ladies who had appeared in the first part, and finished the programme.

An organ or harmonium for the accompaniments would have been a great improvement on the piano used, and would have added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

We are informed that the sum realized by the Concert amounts to about one hundred dollars.

Had the same concert been performed in St. George's Hall, probably twice the amount would have been forthcoming. The Temperance Hall certainly does not do justice to the talents of our musical amateurs, being too confined and cramped about the stage.

Six steamers are advertised to leave for Newchwang to-morrow morning (March 22nd). They are the first to leave for that port this season.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

RECENT papers from home announce the death of Mr Cheney, editor of *The Times*, which occurred rather suddenly. The new editor is Mr George Earle Buckle, oldest son of the Rev. P. Buckle, of Weston-super-Mare, who has been for a long time a student to Mr Cheney.

In Parliament on the 10th February Lord Granville explained, for the information of Lord Salisbury, that the instructions to General Gordon required him to give special consideration to the steps to be taken to counteract the stimulus of the Slave Trade by the revolutionary movement in the Sudan and the withdrawal thence of the Egyptian troops. Her Majesty's Government had the fullest confidence in General Gordon, especially in regard to the adoption of measures which would result in preventing the re-introduction of slavery. A very large discretion was left to the General, but anything that he did, of which the Government approved, they would be fully responsible for.

The following passengers have been booked for the Far East:

Per P. and O. steamer *Nepard*, from London, Feb. 20.—To Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. Giles and five children.

Per P. and O. steamer *Kaisar-i-Hind*, from London, Feb. 27.—To Yokohama: Rev. and Mrs. John Macfie, Mr. Ralston, Rev. and Mrs. Ferguson and child. To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. Durie.

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Per steamer *Tetraclitus* (*Holt's Line*), from Liverpool, Feb. 16.—To Hongkong: Mrs. Mayer.

There are one or two points in connection with our alleged responsibility to the Chinese Government in the matter of Chusan, which as far as we know, have not been brought to the notice of the public. In the first place, it is a noteworthy fact that when the Treaty of Tientsin superseded that of Nanking, no reference to the Convention concluded between Sir John Davis and Chi-ying was made; further the agreement is entirely ignored by Mr. W. E. Mayers in his valuable compilation of Treaties past and present—a fact which goes far to prove that in the view of that eminent authority the understanding had a temporary and special significance only, and has since been virtually abrogated. In the second place, it is by no means clear that under present circumstances China would be very eager to claim the fulfilment of our promise. If British troops were to interfere to protect Chusan against the French, history might repeat itself in a manner not contemplated when the original agreement was made. The Chinese Government would probably not care to risk the occupation of Chusan by England, even in view of a seizure on the part of France. It is already galling enough to China that we should have Hongkong, and the vision of Chihli is said to have expressed himself in very decided terms. Mr. E. G. F. Powell, who has contributed articles on Egypt and the Holy Land, the initials "M. G. F." appended to Chapter XVII, has also contributed a very useful chapter on the processes of navigation and the weather at sea. When we mention that the editor himself, Mr. W. J. Loftie, who was on London, has been more than once noticed in this paper, contributes articles on Egypt and the Holy Land, that the initials "M. G. F." appended to Chapter XVII, has also contributed a very useful chapter on the processes of navigation and the weather at sea. When we mention that the editor himself, Mr. W. J. Loftie, who was on London, has been more than once noticed in this paper, contributes articles on Egypt and the Holy Land, the initials "M. G. F." appended to Chapter XVII,

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with pictures of hotels and plans of steamers such as we have been hitherto accus

tomed to turn over with impatience to the cabin tables of our steaming hotels, but

written with some literary ability, and

edited by a skilled hand. It is contained

in a paper which is a profusion of maps illustrative of his route,

embracing not only the seas and lands

through or near which he passes, but also

stars—no, the flying heavens above him, arranged by Captain Arthur, Ye shall dwell in the Land. The solo and choruses were very well rendered, but, owing probably to want of space and the acoustic properties of the building, it did not sound anything like so well as when performed in St. John's Cathedral. The trebles also wanted more strength, the bass and tenor being rather too strong. A baritone song, *The Children's Home*, followed, by a clerical amateur. A very sweet melody by Dame, *No Night There*, was admirably sung by a lady amateur, who, though evidently rather nervous at the commencement, obtained confidence after the first verse and well deserved applause which followed her performance. The next item on the programme, *Oh Rest in the Lord*, from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, was sung by the leading boy in the Choir and brought forth a well deserved *mezzo* which was responded to by the youthful singer, the treble solo from the anthem *Thou art fairer than the children of men* being the piece chosen. A somewhat melancholy part song called *La Curita* by Rossini, sung by

five lady amateurs, completed the first part of the programme.

This following notice has been issued by the London Post Office:—"The season is approaching when, according to a very general custom, primroses, violets, and wild flowers of all kinds are contrived to the post for transmission between places within the United Kingdom. As the Post Office may be extensively used for this purpose, the attention of the public is drawn to the expediency of properly securing the parcels so sent. The box in which flowers are packed, should be of a material so tough as to bear pressure and friction in transit. Cardboard boxes are frequently reduced to pulp by moisture from freshly cut flowers or water soaking through them, and are, therefore, not suitable."

This following sounds very much like the French of Obok in the Red Sea. The Post writes:—"The utter indifference manifested of late by the British Government to the situation in Tongking, in the hope that France and China would come to an amicable settlement of the Tongking Question, has led to a most dangerous state of affairs. On the one hand, war between France and China is on the break-out; on the other hand, there are good reasons for believing that the imposing French squadron which is being equipped in French waters is destined to support the approaching claim that the Suez Canal and the Red Sea are the way to French possessions in China, as they are to those of Great Britain in the Far East."

The following is the report:—

In view of the improved capabilities for agriculture of British North Borneo, the Directors deemed it expedient to act with caution at first starting. The operations of the Company from April to October were, therefore, confined to experimental planting of sugar cane, tobacco, Liberian coffee, cocoa, and Manila hemp, and also to the final selections and surveys of the Company's land.

In addition to the gentlemen announced as fresh arrivals, we have now Mr. Harrington of Hongkong and Borneo, representing unlimited wealth and power to invest in land, only second in influence to him in the Prince of Concessions, Mr. Drummond. Two other arrivals yesterday, one from France, and the other from Shanghai, had appeared to lay hands on everything of value he could find. In the midst of this operation it occurred to him that his wardrobe was in urgent need of renewal, and he therefore took off his clothes with a view of replacing them by others he found in the room. He was greatly annoyed, however, to find that his clothes had disappeared! He was therefore compelled to await the return of the owner of the property, who at once handed him over to the police.

Other gentlemen are pouring in, appealing by petitions for our land, or quantity of land, and the Resident likes to give, principally from Australia.

An impression exists that Sir Hugh Low's pending departure will close all special grants, which are admitted by all who know anything on the subject to have been extremely favourable to Europeans and unfair to the Chinese planter, who have, at enormous cost, brought the Straits tin fields to be deemed the best ever found, and of unlimited extent.

We hear that a bank is about to be established in Thiaipeng, which is a most urgent necessity. It will pay well, as notes of the Company's employ are preferred to dollars, the weight and size affecting the latter being a perfect nuisance.

The Melbourne Company, under Mr. Turner's management, are proceeding to Siam, and have lost their grand concession of 512 acres, through sheer neglect, or by some other unexplainable cause, also block No. 120 of some 30 acres right in the heart of the best mines of the district. Had the Shangha people had that land, several tons of ore would have been daily sent to the port of Thiaipeng.

We hear also that applications are being made for concessions of land at Port Ling, for the erection of smelting works on a large scale, and that the proprietors will become purchasers of ore all over Larut to such an extent as to cover their own production; also that Mr. Grove of New South Wales Tin Mines, has secured the long envied *McIntyre* block, for which 25% was offered of the gross produce for leave to mine, and influence of every description has been used to secure it by Captain Ah Quee and wealthy European. Also, another block purchased privately adjoining Thiaipeng and fronting the railway; as also extraordinary water rights and other lands now in full work by purchase, and, that he has already recently contracted with despatched crociers from Singapore to Sandakan. He reports on the soil of the Sandakan as follows:—

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*Sandakan River*—Where the trial planting of sugar cane is being made, and where 100 acres for tobacco are being cleared.

*Domingo* River—An experimental planting of a few acres of tobacco was commenced, but owing to the mismanagement on the part of the planter (who is no longer in the Company's employ) the transplanting was effected too late in the season to be successful.

In March last the Directors engaged the services of Mr. J. Morrison, formerly of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, to be the Company's Agent in Sandakan.

In October and November last the Chairman, Mr. Ernest Major, made a second visit to North Borneo, and, in conjunction with the Agent, decided upon a plan of action for the forthcoming year on a scale sufficiently large to be remunerative, as follows:

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The services, also, of Mr. MacLean, who has had large experience in the timber trade, have been engaged to superintend the fellings and shipping, and he is now highly employed with a gang of coolies.

Two steamers have been despatched for Sandakan to load timber for Hongkong and Shanghai, and are bound for Hongkong.

The Directors resign office in accordance with the Deed of Settlement, and other themselves for re-election.

(Signed) ERNEST MAJOR, Chairman.

The Chinese in BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Governor General of Canada has received an address from the Legislature of British Columbia, asking that the Dominion Parliament pass a Bill restricting Chinese immigration in that province.

The address directs attention to the evil of such legislation, and declares that restrictive legislation is absolutely necessary.

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